

Army Medical Museum and Library
Northwest Corner 7th Street and
Independence Avenue, SW
Washington
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-306

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
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HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Army Medical Museum and Library	HABS NO. DC-306
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SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE

COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)

Northwest corner of 7th Street and Independence Avenue, SW

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1886	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Adolph Cluss
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SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)

Specially designed building, intended as the fireproof, permanent home of the Army Medical Museum, which was founded in 1862. Housed collection of surgical and medical specimens and a medical library.

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)
Romanesque Revival

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)

Brick with terra-cotta trim

SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)

Hipped, with small 2-story wing in center of U; 19-bay front; 11-bay flank; 3 stories on raised basement; gable roof on center portion, hipped roofs with monitors on wings

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE

Arched fenestration; 4-story central gabled entrance pavilion; corbeled cornice

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)

Wings contain 2-story exhibit galleries with exposed iron-truss roofs with central monitors; east gallery ringed by balcony on all four sides; hall floors are tile, room and exhibit gallery floors are linoleum or asphalt tiles; fireplaces in most of the small offices have wooden mantels, painted black; cast-iron central portion has label "W. Jackson and Son/245 Front St. and 1166 Broadway/New York."

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES

Demolished 1969; collections transferred to Walter Reed Hospital, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

PRESENT CONDITION AND USE

OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE

SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)

Goode, James M. Capital Losses. 1979.

Schwartz, Nancy B. Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974.

National Historic Landmark (collections only)

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